



# ***SOUTH JACKSON BEACON***

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## ***Bible Study is Eternally Important*** ***Doug Dingley***

I daresay that it is far more than likely, that just about every congregation of the Lord's church whose leadership has decided to give their members the opportunity to get together and study the Bible either before or after their Sunday worship assembly, encounters virtually the same phenomenon every Lord's Day: Bible class attendance numbers that are markedly less than that same Sunday's worship assembly attendance numbers. Why is that? (Now, obviously I am not talking here about those few folks in each congregation whose physical health limitations prevent them from being there and sitting through both – Matt. 26:41b.)

Is it perhaps because some have come to the conclusion that worship assembly attendance is a requirement in order to get to heaven (which it is – Hebs. 10:23-31), but that taking advantage of every opportunity possible to study God's word and steadily grow in their faith after conversion, somehow isn't all that important? Does not the Bible itself show that being in a constant and consistent state of Bible study, whenever possible and wherever the opportunity is presented, will provide both incredible earthly as well as eternal blessings to those who do so – including helping to guarantee their entrance into heaven? It certainly does (2 Ptr. 1:2-11). What else does the Bible say about the importance of taking consistent advantage of every opportunity one possibly can to study it?

God's O.T. people were commanded to do so constantly (Dt. 6:4-9).

God promised prosperity/success to those who did so (Josh. 1:8-9).

God's word is worth far more than anything else on earth (Ps. 19:7-11); therefore, isn't spending time within it, far more beneficial than time spent doing anything else in the world (Ps. 119; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)?

God's O.T. people were destroyed because of their lack of Biblical knowledge (Hos. 4:6-10; Matt. 13:14-15, 22:29) – and the Bible teaches that such destruction will not be limited to them alone (Matt. 7:21-27; Acts 17:30-31; Ro. 10:1-3).

In order to truly be His disciple, Jesus said one must "abide" ("take up residence," "live") in His word, and thus know the truth (Jn. 8:31-32).

Bible study is how we show we are approved of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

Yes, for all of these God-given reasons and more, it is easily seen that taking constant and continual advantage of every opportunity we possibly can to grow our faith through the study of God's word (Ro. 10:17) is vital to our eternal life. Please consider coming and growing in your faith as we study God's word together each Sunday and Wednesday as if your eternal life depended on it... because it does (2 Ptr. 3:14-18).

# ***Congregational News & Notes***

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Jordan, Freddie Stewart,  
Cindy Kidder,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell  
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Charles & Ruby Malone,  
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,  
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,  
Sheila Greer, Helen Morris  
Luther Merritt, David Briley

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Allen Thompson, Glenn Lovell,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Marilyn Ferrell,  
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster,  
Justin Puckett

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Let Us Love God's Word  
Psalm 119:97

PM - Singing Night

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Today**

Men's Business Meeting  
Following AM Services

#### **Cards to Send**

Ruby Malone  
6140 Highway 100 East  
Henderson, TN 38340

Linda Morris  
25 Caldwell Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	5
Bible Class	49/7
AM Worship	75/13
PM Worship	51/17
Wed Bible Study	50/5
Contribution	2530

### **Pantry Item**

Pie Filling

### **Directory Pictures**

Pictures will be taken on  
September 3rd and 10th.  
Plans are to have a new  
directory out in January.

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Aug 27 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Jonathan Orr

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## Sept 3 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Snith

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jrome Turner

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Joe Venable

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Ken Ross

## Aug 30 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

## Sept 6 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM